

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the April 2, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Bridges expressed sympathy to Councilman Sheehan upon the passing of his father;
- Community Park has been selected by the Park Board as the site for the new Skateboard Park. Approximately \$10,000.00 has been raised so far;
- On April 10 Mayor Bridges and Councilmen Sheehan and Byrne attended the Boys and Girls Club Banquet;
- Mark your calendars for May 8 for the annual Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. Bridges said to note that it would be a luncheon this year instead of the usual dinner. The luncheon will be from 11:30 – 1:00 at Millers Family Restaurant;
- There will be a public information session on the possible Circleville annexation. The meeting will be April 30 at 7:00 p.m., at the School Administration Office.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Fire – Chief Clark stated that engine 1 is back in service. The tank has been replaced and they also did a pump test. The tank was under warranty; therefore, there was not a cost to the City.

The agility and written test for the new firefighter position was given last Saturday with 13 applicants participating out of 20 who applied.

Street – Commissioner Bennett handed out a report showing the in-kind expenses incurred for the demolition of B & B Metal. The total amount of in-kind expenses to date is \$8,995.75.

He also said that this week they are having a heavy trash spring clean-up. He said they would go through the city at least 2 times.

Park – Mathews recommended to Council that they purchase the Snapper mower. He said that the City Utility wishes to purchase the old mower. Goins made a motion to purchase the Snapper. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

Robin Warner asked the progress on the controversy of the vacation of Oliver Street. Newhouse said that they are in the process of a title search on the property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Ordinance 2002-2, Amending the Minimum Standards for Housing – Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2002-2 amending the minimum space from 150 feet to 700 feet. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Construction Standards – Mayor Bridges declared the meeting open for public hearing. Mike Waldron from Butler Fairman was present to answer any questions. There were no comments or questions from the public. Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2002-3, Construction Standards – Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2002-3. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report on Warner Property – The property had been inspected on Monday, April 15. Pavey stated that Warner had cleaned up the property as requested. Bridges commended Warner on cleaning the property. The trailer has not been

removed yet, but it is believed the ground would need to dry up before that can be accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Transfer Resolution 2002-12 – Sheehan made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2002-12 transferring electric liquidation interest to the general fund. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2002-13, Adding Monies Back to Appropriation – Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution 2002-13. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2002-4, Fair Housing Ordinance – Pavey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2002-4 on the fair housing. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B & B Metal Property – Bridges said that he believed the property was now clean. He said the ECDC had agreed to take position of the property and to try find someone interested in purchasing the property. Now it appears that the ECDC has dropped the ball back into the City's hands. Bridges asked Council if they wished to take possession of the property if the ECDC does not. There is approximately 1.2 acres and about \$22,000.00 due in taxes. Pavey recommended to have the Mayor make a presentation to the County to forgive the back taxes if the City would take possession and work on getting a business plan from someone for the property to get it back on the tax roll. Goins seconded the recommendation. All members voted in favor of the recommendation.

Bridges asked if there was any other business to come before Council.

Councilman Sheehan expressed his appreciation for the gift to the hospital in memory of his Dad.

Bridges said the Heart of Rushville will sponsor a City rummage sale on May 4 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kevin Mandrell from Diversified Insurance presented a quote on dental insurance, which he said was a savings to the City. Sheehan made a motion to

table the matter and asked that he and Councilman McGowan have the opportunity to review the matter with their wives, who both work in the dental field. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mandrell stated that he has been made aware that there was miscommunication on his earlier bid on health insurance. He was interested in clearing that up and re-bidding. Council informed Mandrell that the current insurance would be effective for a full year.

Claims – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER